

## THE TOWN OF BURKITTSVILLE, MARYLAND Deborah Burgoyne, Mayor • Chuck Rounds, Clerk/Treasurer

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## FARMERS MARKET WEEK

August 5n-11, 2018 By the Mayor of Burkittsville, Maryland A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Burkittsville, Frederick County, Maryland's area farmers and agriculture workers provide citizens with access to healthful, locally, and regionally produced foods through farmers markets, which are expanding and evolving to accommodate the demand for a diverse array of agricultural products, and

WHEREAS farmers markets and other agricultural direct marketing outlets provide infrastructure to assist in the distribution of farm and value-added products, thereby contributing approximately \$9 billion each year to the U.S. economy, and

WHEREAS farmers markets serve as significant outlets by which small-to-medium, new and beginning, and veteran agricultural producers market agricultural products, generating revenue that supports the sustainability of family farms and the revitalization of rural communities nationwide, and

WHEREAS the Mayor of Burkittsville, Maryland recognizes the importance of expanding agricultural marketing opportunities that assist and encourage the next generation of farmers and ranchers; generate farm income to help stimulate business development and job creation; build community connections through rural and urban linkages; promote significant sustainability of our Municipality thereby; and more:

NOW, THEREFORE, to further awareness of farmers markets' contributions to Burkittsville life, I, Deborah Burgoyne, Mayor of Burkittsville, do hereby proclaim the week of August 5-11, 2018, as Burkittsville Farmers Market Appreciation Week, in conjunction with the observance of National Farmers Market Week. I call upon Burkittsville, Maryland to celebrate farmers markets and their vendors with appropriate observance and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of August, 2018, the two-hundred forty-second year of the Independence of the United States of America.